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The Honorable Edward J. Thye  
Chairman, Select Committee on Small Business  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

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in this area are not generally considered useful by us as a  
guide for assessing public opinion in the Middle-East as they  
represent the views of only a very small segment of the  
population.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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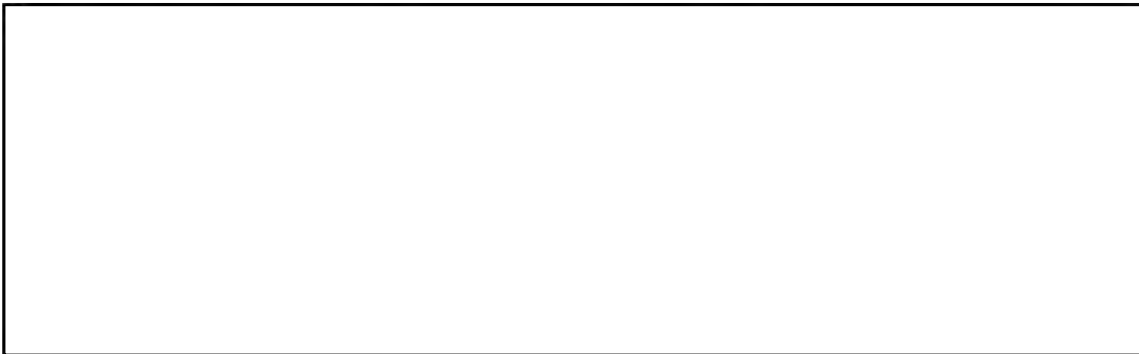
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7 April 1953

Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Proposed reply to Senator Thye

1. Attached herewith is a proposed reply to Senator Thye's letter for your signature. As I knew there would be some delay in preparing this answer, I informed Senator Thye's office by telephone that it would take some time to look into the matter of the Senator's request, and we are therefore covered from the standpoint of time.



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SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS  
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March 19, 1953

Hon. Allen W. Dulles  
Direct of Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D. C.

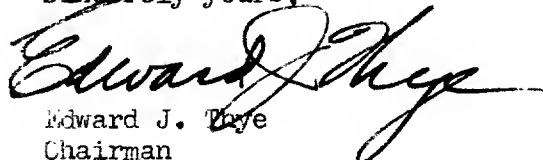
My dear Mr. Dulles:

In August 1952, the Senate Small Business Committee published a report prepared by the Federal Trade Commission on the international oil cartel. The report has been the subject of considerable discussion since its publication.

Our Committee has been particularly interested in the comments of the Lebanon Daily Star, an English language newspaper published in Beirut, Lebanon. We would like to determine the financial support of this newspaper. We have received information that it is published by the former head of the German propaganda agency in Lebanon, who spent most of World War II in Germany.

I am sure that the Central Intelligence Agency undoubtedly uses the Lebanon Daily Star as a source of information on public opinion in the Middle East. In evaluating this newspaper's comments, you have undoubtedly checked on its backing. I would appreciate any information that the CIA has as to who actually supports this newspaper. In the event that the CIA has no information, would it be possible to investigate this matter?

Sincerely yours,

  
Edward J. Thye  
Chairman